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TWO CENTS.

RUSSIANS GAIN THREE VICTORIES

Success Reported Simultaneously at Three Widely Scattered Points—Situation in North Less Favorable—Belief That Struggle Between Greece and Bulgaria Cannot Be Avoided

Greek mobilization is continuing with the ultimate course which nation is to take still not definitely outlined. Unofficial circles at least seem convinced that the struggle between Greece and Bulgaria cannot be averted.

The latest Russian official statements confirm reports of the recapture of the fortress of Lutsik.

The Russians are continuing their successes all along the southern end of the line and have extended their successful resistance northwest of Pinsk, where Field Marshal Von Mackensen has suffered a setback.

The recent modification of the German submarine policy with its indicated increased guarantee of safety of passengers has been followed by a change in the personnel of the German naval staff. Vice Admiral Backmann, head of the staff and Rear Admiral Dehneke, vice chief, who are understood to have been opposed to the modification, have retired. Admiral von Holtzendorff, former commander of the German high seas fleet, is the new chief of staff.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—The position of the Russians from Vilna to the Galician frontier appears to have been greatly improved, three distinct victories having been recorded almost simultaneously at widely scattered points along the eastern front.

This achievement has mitigated to some extent the uneasiness felt in England as to the attitude of Bulgaria.

In the far north the situation is less

favorable for the Russians. They are resisting Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's men with characteristic stubbornness, but the admission that fighting is proceeding at Simelini, three miles from Novo Alexandrovsk, indicates that the approaches to the latter town are in the hands of the Germans and the fate of Dvinsk is in doubt.

East of Vilna, north of Pinsk and in the vicinity of Lutsik the Russians have scored heavily.

The Germans characterize their reverses east of Vilna as of a temporary character, notwithstanding their losses of guns and prisoners.

Near Pinsk Field Marshal Von Mackensen was thrown back in an engagement that has shaken his grip on that city.

Further south the Russians now holding Lutsik are pressing their advantage and seem to be assuming the dominance on the southern end of the line in a manner recalling the fighting of last spring.

Athens states that mobilization is proceeding today and that thousands of men are in uniform.

ATHENS, via Paris, Sept. 25.—Great relief has been caused throughout Greece by the order calling for the mobilization of the army. The people apparently are glad to exchange the uncertainties of politics for the possibility of war.

It is not thought, however, that hostilities will follow immediately, although it is generally believed in unofficial circles at least, that a struggle between Greece and Bulgaria cannot be avoided eventually.

Mobilization is under way today and is proceeding quietly.

The people are somewhat bewildered by the latest turn of events, not knowing whether it will lead.

King Constantine is indisposed and his conference with Premier Venizelos has been postponed a day.

PARIS, Sept. 25.—A Havas despatch from Athens says:

Parliament will be called upon at its session Wednesday not only to proclaim martial law, but to vote upon declaring a state of siege in Macedonia and other measures that the situation may demand. The national bank will advance funds to meet present needs. It is reported from Sofia that Bulgarian mobilization is being carried out normally and without enthusiasm.

CARDINAL GOTTI IN
SERIOUS CONDITION

Suffering from Concussion of the Brain as the Result of a Fall in His Office.

ROME, via Paris, Sept. 25.—Cardinal Jerome Mary Gotti, prefect of the propaganda, fainted and fell in his office today, striking his head violently on the floor. He suffered a slight concussion of the brain and his condition is considered grave because of his age, 81. He was appointed in 1905. The office he holds is one of the most influential in the Roman Catholic church. All strictly missionary lands are under the propaganda.

An 18-year-old Utah boy is the inventor of a combined rule and triangle that solves problems in trigonometry, geometry and mechanical drawing.

AT THE CENTRE CHURCH

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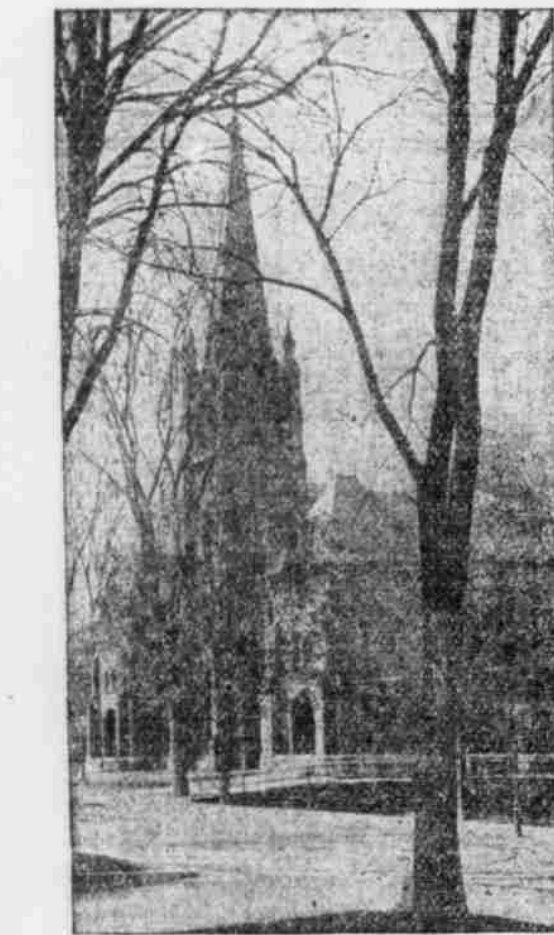
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Monday night at 7.30—Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge.

At the regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge Tuesday evening, Sept. 28, the 64th anniversary will be observed. It will be members' night also. Every member is earnestly requested to be present. There will be a short program and refreshments will be served.



10.30 a. m. Report of the Burlington Convention; 11.15 Bible school; 7.30 union service conducted by Rev. Charles M. Alexander. Dugan's orchestra and chorus choir.

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ELECTRICIAN KILLED TODAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Birch Gets News of Death of Her Son, Clarence

SON KILLED IN 1913
ALSO ELECTRICIAN

Both Employed by Same Concern in Branford, Conn.—Each Had Been Married but Few Weeks—Clarence Birch Lived Here Until Year Ago.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Birch of Elliot street received telegraphic news this noon that her son, Clarence, had been electrocuted at Branford, Conn., where he had been employed as an electrician by the Branford Lighting company for some time. Particulars of the accident were not received.

On Feb. 2, 1913, Raymond Arnold Birch, 22, an older brother, was electrocuted in the same town while in the employ of the same company. He had been married about five weeks. Clarence Birch, who met death this morning, was married eight weeks ago to Miss Calista Worden of Halifax, the ceremony being performed in New Haven, Conn.

Clarence Birch came to Brattleboro about 14 years ago with his parents and lived here until a year ago, when he went to Branford. He was about 21 years old.

He leaves, besides his wife, his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Birch of Brattleboro; his father, John M. Birch; three brothers, Elmer, Albert and Norman of Brattleboro, and four sisters, Edith of Wilmington, Ina of Manchester, N. H., and Olive and Mildred of Brattleboro.

VON PAPEN EXPLAINS

"IDIOTIC YANKEES"

Says Expression in Letter to His Wife Referred Only to New York Publishers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—Capt. Franz Von Papen, military attaché to the German embassy at Washington, who is here with Prince Von Hatzfeldt of the embassy, denied today that the expression "idiotic Yankees," contained in the letter entrusted to James P. J. Archibald and intercepted by the British authorities, was intended to apply to the American people.

"The much-discussed letter was to my wife," he said. "In passing it may be said that publishing a man's letter to his wife is deemed bad form. When the British authorities at Portsmouth found these letters on Mr. Archibald they counted with avidity on the trouble."

"My wife, or anyone else, reading the letter from start to finish would have gathered the expression 'idiotic Yankees' as referring to the publishers of a New York newspaper. The newspaper had been calling us conspirators and other objectionable epithets. It grew especially vehement after a portfolio containing certain of our private papers had been stolen from one of our men on the train. In writing to my wife I dealt with these publications. Not a word did the British publish about these parts of my letter."

BOMBARD BELGIAN TOWN.

Three British Ships Attacked Zebrugge This Morning.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 25, via London.—British warships again bombarded the Belgian town of Zebrugge this morning. Three ships were engaged. The flashes of their heavy guns were visible on the Dutch coast.

MUST RECALL DUMBA.

Return on "Leave of Absence" Would Not Be Satisfactory to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has been instructed to make clear to the Austrian government informally that the United States must insist on the recall of Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, and that his departure on "leave of absence" would not be satisfactory.

ANOTHER BIG PAYMENT.

Depositors in Traders Bank of Lowell Have Received 70 Per Cent.

LOWELL, Mass., Sept. 25.—The Traders' National bank today began the disbursement of \$281,461.50 to depositors, representing a dividend of 10 per cent making a total of 70 per cent of the deposits turned back since the bank was declared insolvent over a year ago. The total returned is \$1,369,944.30.

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ALL ON BOARD WERE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE

Germans Gave Fair Warning to the Steamer Anglo-Colombia, Chased 78 Miles.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The optimistic feeling of officials here that there soon would be a final and satisfactory settlement of the submarine controversy between this country and Germany was seemingly increased yesterday afternoon when a report was received on the torpedoing of the British steamer Anglo-Colombian under circumstances which were interpreted as indicating Germany's new policy with respect to attacks on merchantmen had already been inaugurated.

The circumstances of the Anglo-Colombian attack are looked upon by officials here as constituting a gratifying observance of the fundamental principle for which President Wilson has been contending, namely, that merchant vessels must not be sunk without warning and until opportunity is afforded to passengers and crew to escape, unless the merchant vessels forfeit their immunity from attack by attempting to escape or offering resistance.

The facts as to the sinking of the Anglo-Colombian reached the state department in a cablegram from Wesley Frost, the American consul at Queens-town, Ireland. The text of the despatch follows:

"British horse transport Anglo-Colombian, from Montreal to England, torpedoed off Fastnet after a chase of 78 miles at 9.30 o'clock this morning. Fair warning was given in time to take to the boats. Six Americans in the crew. No casualties."

Consul Frost's report was interpreted as meaning that at the end of the chase the submarine halted the Anglo-Colombian, warned her captain that the vessel was to be sunk, gave those on board full opportunity of escape, and then fired the torpedo after all lives had been saved. As a result, the aim of the German government—the destruction of the ship on the ground that it was an enemy vessel carrying contraband—was accomplished without placing human life in peril. The American government argued that such a line of action could be pursued and the incident of the Anglo-Colombian is another evidence that the American demands can be safely complied with.

ANGELES AND 15

CHIEFS DESERT VILLA

Are Now in Texas and Say They Will Never Serve Again Under the Northern Leader.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 25.—Edward Angeles, brother of Gen. Felipe Angeles, Villa's former ally, announced yesterday that he and his brother are through with the Villa cause forever.

"Villa has not taken the advice of any of his staff since his defeat by Obregon at Celaya," said Angeles, "so there is no use for us to stay in Mexico. We are settling down on a ranch in the El Paso valley."

With Angeles were Carlos Arango, Bruno M. Trejo, Jose Nafarrete and two others whose names the American army officers did not get. Nafarrete is a brother of the Carranza commander at Matamoros, but has been a Villa leader. All crossed to the American side and said it was their intention to quit warfare in Mexico. Some brought household goods.

The American army officers after this occurrence declared that Angeles himself before going to Washington early this week to present Villa's claims to the state department gave them his word of honor that he would not return to Mexico as a commander of Villa troops if his peace plans failed.

The Villa cause received another blow when American troops arrested east of here near Marfa, Texas, Gen. Raoul Madero and Santiago Sanchez, and Jose Pardo, Emilio Vasquez, Teysanin Rangil, Jose Maria Rodriguez, Raoul Davila, Ramon Partillo and Abram Martinez, all Villa leaders. They were fleeing from Mexico.

Madero admitted that his force was completely wiped out or scattered in his battle with the Carranza forces at Paredon de los Hornos and that he and his officers are the sole survivors of his command, so far as he knows. He and his staff will be interned by the United States army.

Carranza officials said that Villa has confiscated the property of Alberto Madero, who is now in California. While Villa was holding Jose and Pablo Garcia, wealthy men of Zacatecas in the penitentiary at Chihuahua for \$450,000 ransom. Madero interceded and secured their liberation and smuggled them out of the country, receiving \$600,000, it is said. For this Villa confiscated his property and ordered the seizure of a trainload of cattle which Madero was exporting but which had already reached El Paso, however.

"CLUB CARS" REPLACE JITNEYS.

Five Tickets for Rides With Each 25 Cents in Dues.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—The jitney, relegated to the scrap heap by prohibitive legislation, is to be replaced by the "club car," ninety of which made their bow to the public yesterday.

Any one can approach the driver of a club car and become a member of the People's Automobile club by paying 25 cents. In return he receives a card of membership with five complimentary tickets for rides in a motor club car. When these are exhausted he pays another 25 cents dues and receives five more complimentary tickets.

Drivers of these cars must report at headquarters each morning, turn in their tickets and receive for each four and a half cents as their hire to the club for their car.

COUPLE WERE ELOPERS.

Wellesley Girl and Tufts Graduate Married in Brattleboro.

News of the marriage in Brattleboro on Sept. 11, by Justice C. S. Hopkins, of Miss Marion E. Hopkins, a junior in Wellesley college, and Roy Canning Brett, a graduate of Tufts college this spring, has just leaked out in Boston and is causing much comment there.

Brett was employed by his bride's father, a wealthy patent leather manufacturer of North Woburn, Mass. It is charged that Brett was invited to the home of the charming young woman, but that her parents objected to his attentions and later Brett was discharged from the factory. They are living at present in the home of Mrs. A. J. Brett, mother of the bridegroom, in South Braintree, Mass.

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FIRE DAMAGE ABOUT \$8,000

Serious Blaze This Morning at Dunham House on Linden Street

SMOULDERED THROUGH NIGHT IN PARTITIONS

Caught Back of Chimney in Which Was Fireplace in Use—Owned by Mrs. Mary P. Dunham Estate and Occupied by D. E. McElhinny.

The handsome residence at 18 Linden street, known as the Dalton place and owned by the Mary P. Dunham estate and occupied by D. E. McElhinny and family, was damaged by fire, water and smoke to the extent of about \$8,000 early this morning, and there was some damage to the contents.

The fire caught in the partition on the second floor, back of a chimney in which there was a fireplace in use. The family smelled smoke yesterday, but could not find that there was any fire.

Mr. McElhinny arose at a little before 6 o'clock, and the smell of smoke was then very strong. Investigation revealed fire, working its way through the baseboard in one of the rooms. He telephoned the alarm to fire headquarters at 5.50 o'clock and the automobile truck answered the call, which was given as the "Dunham house." Not finding a fire at the home of George L. Dunham, but being able to smell the smoke, they investigated and located the house from which the call had been sent.

A glance showed that it was more than a few men could handle for the smoke was issuing from between the clapboards and from the attic. Box 25 at the corner of Linden and Chase streets was sounded and for an hour the firemen chased the flames through the partitions before getting the upper hand.

The attic was a blazing furnace and quantities of water were used in drowning out the flames. Free use of axes and picks in the interior enabled them to get at the fire in various walls through which it had mushroomed, but the extensive use of water damaged to a large extent the furniture and contents of the house.

It was the most disastrous residential fire in Brattleboro in a number of years.

Mr. McElhinny carried insurance on his household goods in the agency of H. E. Taylor & Son, and the building was insured in both the Taylor & Son and George M. Clay agencies.

BOSTON & MAINE

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Fall Time Table in Effect Tomorrow—White Mountain Trains Discontinued—Little Change Otherwise.

The fall schedule for the Connecticut and Passumpsic division of the Boston & Maine railroad will go into effect tomorrow. The following trains will be discontinued:

Northbound—The White Mountain express which has arrived during the summer at 2.19 p. m. and the night White Mountain express which has arrived at 2.23 a. m.

Southbound—The corresponding trains have been taken off, the White Mountain express at 1.16 p. m. and the night White Mountain express arriving here at 2.23 a. m.

The northbound time table is as follows: The trains leaving 8.53 a. m., 11.11 a. m. and 2.06 p. m. are unchanged. The train that has left at 5.35 p. m. will leave at 5.50. The 8.56 p. m. train will end its run here at the same time, and the 10.46 p. m. train is unchanged.

Southbound, the first train leaves at 5.44 a. m. instead of 5.27. The 7 a. m. and 9.20 a. m. trains are unchanged. The train that has left the 1.57 p. m. will leave at 1.59 p. m., while the 4.27 p. m. and 8.20 p. m. trains are continued on the same schedule.

Sunday trains northbound are 9.15 a. m., instead of 8.53 a. m. as on week days, 2.06 p. m., 5.46 p. m. and 10.46 p. m.

Sunday trains southbound are 9.40 a. m., instead of 9.20 a. m. as on week days, and Sunday train running over the Boston & Vermont tracks as it does on week days; 5.44 a. m., 4.27 p. m. and 8.20 p. m.

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SUBMARINES REVIVE RAIDS ON SHIPPING

Five British Steamers Sunk Off Irish Coast Since Tuesday—No Lives Reported Lost.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—After a fortnight of comparative inactivity, during which they sank only five British merchant ships, German submarines again are on the move off the Irish coast. Since Tuesday they have sent five British steamers to the bottom.

The Houston liner Hesione, bound from Liverpool for Buenos Aires, was sunk Thursday. The crew of the vessel escaped in two lifeboats. One of these boats, containing the captain and 22 men, was picked up and landed at Queenstown. The other boat, with 18 men in it, is reported to have made for the Scilly islands. The boats lost touch with each other during the night.

The captain and 32 members of the crew of the British steamer Chancellor, which was sunk Thursday, were landed at Queenstown by a rescue steamer yesterday afternoon. The remainder of the crew is reported to have been picked up by a trawler and taken to Kinsale. When the Chancellor went down the crew got away in three lifeboats.

The British freight steamer Urbino, of 6,651 tons gross, from New York, Sept. 12, for Hull, has been sunk. The crew was saved.

The Chancellor was owned by the Harrison Line of Liverpool, and was engaged in the transatlantic trade. She was last reported at Liverpool, Aug. 29, from New Orleans. Her gross tonnage was 4,586.

The Hesione was a vessel of 3,663 tons gross. She was built in 1889, and belonged to the British and South American Steam Navigation company.

CORNER STONE OF
FEDERAL BUILDING

Ex-Congressman Kittredge Haskins, Who Introduced Bill in Congress, Welded Trowel Today.

The corner stone of the federal building was laid this morning in the presence only of the workmen and two or three chance spectators. Former Congressman and ex-Postmaster Kittredge Haskins, who introduced the bill in congress for the appropriation for the building, welded the trowel. No ceremony attended the laying of the stone.

The stone is set to the left of what will be the steps leading to the entrance and bears this inscription: William G. McAdoo Secretary of the Treasury Oscar Wenderoth Supervising Architect 1915

It was back in 1901, during his first term as congressman, that Col. Haskins introduced his first bill for an appropriation for a federal building for Brattleboro. This met with opposition here at home and he abandoned the plan then. During his last term in the national legislature he again introduced a bill, and as the result of that effort and succeeding efforts to obtain further funds the building is now in process of construction.

The steel work is being set in place and the laying of the sunstone trimmings is progressing steadily. Just now there is a little delay in the arrival of satisfactory brick, but actual work is not held up on this account although more men could be employed were the brick here. The steel work is in